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POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING AT SAN YSIDRO PORT OF ENTRY

(San Diego) San Diego Police Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an officer-involved shooting at the San Ysidro Port of Entry involving two federal agencies.

At 3:30 p.m., three vans entered the same line at the San Ysidro border crossing in order to enter the United States. As a Customs & Border Protection agent checked the license of the first van, all three vans drove through the border together. As a “port runner” alert was broadcast to all employees, the vans attempted to find open lanes that would lead to I-5 or I-805. The vans ended up stuck in traffic, and the second and third vans backed up to find other avenues of escape. The vans drove at a high rate of speed (from east to west) through the post-primary inspection area. Three federal agents – two officers from Customs & Border Protection (CBP) and one agent from Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) – fired at the driver of the third van as he drove towards them. The driver of that van continued to a lane on the west side of the port, where he crashed into a citizen’s vehicle.

Two of the three van drivers were arrested. The third driver fled back into Mexico. A total of 74 suspected undocumented people were detained in the vans.

Two people suffered gunshot wounds – the driver of the third van (a 31-year-old male) and a second occupant of the third van (a 42-year-old male). A third person (a 37-year-old male passenger in the third van) suffered a head injury and cuts as a result of the crash. A fourth person (a 30-year-old male who was a passenger in the truck struck by van #3) complained of pain and was taken to a hospital for treatment.

The van drivers and undocumented detainees are in the custody of federal agents, who will investigate the smuggling portion of the incident.

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